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Mrs. Richard Sweet

Dear Mrs. Sweet:

Thank you very much for your letter of 9 February inviting me to speak at a meeting of your local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution on 28 April.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to join you. In view of my present official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools with an infrequent outside address. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time. However, your courtesy in asking me to talk to your chapter is indeed appreciated.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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February 9, 1960

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Our local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has a particular interest in all aspects of national defense. During a recent executive session, the selection of an appropriate and qualified speaker was discussed. I felt that our chapter would be extremely fortunate if we could prevail upon you to speak before our group, a feeling heartily endorsed by other members of the chapter. With so much emphasis on missile supremacy, international politics and the like we feel that as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency you carry a real and accurate message for our members and guests.

I have taken the liberty to direct this inquiry and appeal to you. During the war I was attracted to seek and find employment with the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, D.C. partly as a result of my early association with the Children of the American Revolution. During

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the past two years I have once again become active in our local chapter but have failed to encounter thought provoking speakers such as I enjoyed at Veterans of Strategic Service meetings in New York. This is due to the fact that program chairmen are too awed to seek authoritative personalities as speakers. Consequently delegates from our Westchester Chapters lack the background and authority to argue resolutions to be adopted by the National Society at convention.

The meeting for which we would schedule your talk will be held at 8:00 P.M. on April 28, 1960 at "Shadowbrook," the home of Mrs. Charles T. Newberry, Irvington-on-Hudson, New York. I sincerely hope that you will find it possible to honor my request.

Sincerely yours,

Laurel Cassell Sweet